

February—I Love to Read Month—2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>OPI Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Montana Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, Montana 59620-2501 www.opi.state.mt.us</p>			 <p>Reading Opens the Universe</p>			<p>It's nice to know when I'm in bed that across the world it is day instead— And children there are having fun while it's their turn to have the sun. —Kathryn Jackson</p> 
<p>2</p> <p>Read Aloud to someone special.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Reading Marathon Set an expected goal of hours of reading. Provide awards for students who reach the goal.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Book Busters Reading Club Start a reading discussion group that meets before or after school.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Endless Chain of Reading Provide strips of paper for students to write the title of their books, the author's name and their name. Hang the chains in a prominent place. Collect the chains from all classes and schools. Plan a media event.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Name a Room Name each room in the school after a book character or fantasy location.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Hats Off to Reading Day Wear crazy hats today. Read hat stories.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Digest a Good Book There's nothing more delicious than a good book. READ!</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>Pull the Plug and Read Day Turn off the TV and other electronic games today.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Poetry Day Hold poetry readings in the library by teachers who read their favorite poems. The activity could be arranged by extending the lunch hour.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>"Where the Wild Things Are" Students create their own "wild thing" then write about their creature or invention.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Carry a Book Day Everyone carries a book in a pocket, under arm, or in a book bag.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Wear Red Day Make hearts that start, "I love to read because..." Give a prize.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Alphabet Poetry Using the letters in the word "Valentine," write a poem.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Share . . . something you read in the newspaper with your family.</p> 
<p>16</p> <p>Read a Story Together Today</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Celebrate Presidents' Day by holding a "Did you know" facts about Washington, Lincoln and other U.S. presidents.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Readers are Leaders Write ads to sell your favorite book. Post them.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Sense Riddle 1. Show how the thing moves or how people move when they use it. 2. Name colors that help us see the thing. 3. Tell the sound it makes. 4. How would it feel if you touched it? 5. Name a smell that might help us. 6. Do not name the object!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Veg Out!! with a good book. Bring a can of food to donate to a worthy cause.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Book Day Identify favorite book, write the title and author on cards, and then "wear" the favorite book. (Pin cards on their clothing.) Teachers and students wear cards.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Favorite Book Discuss your favorite book and why it is your favorite with your family.</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>SMILE!! HAVE A GOOD BOOK DAY!</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Can a Character Decorate a coffee can. Describe your favorite character and write the description on sentence strips and put in can for others to read.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Food Fest Plan a "food fest" for the classroom. Each student shares a poem which uses food as a theme.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Pop a Good Book Write book titles on real balloons. Give students balloons as they read the book.</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Battle of the Books Hold a "Book Bowl." The teams of students who answer the most questions, based on a list of required books, wins.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Royal Reader Invite someone such as the mayor, principal, superintendent, member of basketball team, etc., to read. Roll out the red carpet, the throne, a red-velvet cape and jeweled crown.</p> 	<p>For additional information contact:</p> <p>June Atkins Literacy Specialist (406) 444-3664 Fax (406) 444-1373 jatkins@state.mt.us</p>